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POLICY COMMITTEE

Manistee County Courthouse • 415 Third Street • Manistee, Michigan 49660

Thursday, April 9, 2009 10:30 A.M.

Courthouse & Government Center Board of Commissioner's Room

AGENDA

- 1. Review and discuss letter from Joseph "Chip" Johnston, Executive Director of Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health Services, regarding a procedure needed to screen Mental Health Board applicants. (APPENDIX A)
- 2. Review and discuss miscellaneous Resolutions from other Counties. (APPENDIX B)
- 3. Other items from Committee members.
- 4. Adjournment.

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APPENDIX A

Mr. Thomas Kaminski Manistee County Controller/Administrator 415 Third Street Manistee, Michigan 49660

Dear Tom.

Fax Number

231.723.1504

April 7, 2009

Regrettably, because my presence is required at an agency Board meeting, I cannot attend the Manistee County Commissioner Policy Committee meeting this Thursday April 9, 2009, to discuss appointment procedures to the Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health Services Board. In my absence I hope that this letter will accurately convey my thoughts on the matter.

An applicant would have to meet certain Mental Health Code requirements as delineated in Section 330.1222, which states:

- (1) The composition of a community mental health services board shall be representative of providers of mental health services, recipients or primary consumers of mental health services, agencies and occupations having a working involvement with mental health services, and the general public. At least 1/3 of the membership shall be primary consumer. All board members shall be 18 years of age or older.
- (2) Not more than 4 members of a board may be county commissioners, except that when a board represents 5 or more counties.... No more than half of the total board members may be state, county, or local public officials. For purposes of this section, public officials are defined as individuals serving in an elected or appointed public office or employed more than 20 hours per week by an agency of federal, state, city, or local government.
- (3) A board member shall have his or her primary place of residence in the county he or she represents.
- (4) An individual shall not be appointed to and shall not serve on a board if he or she is 1 or more of the following: (a) Employed by the department or the community mental health services program. (b) A party to a contract with the community mental health services program or administering or benefiting financially from a contract with the community mental health services program. (c) Serving in a policy-making position with an agency under contract with the community mental health service program.

Not having reviewed the current procedure (I apologize if I am rehashing already established guidelines), I would suggest that an application include the above information so that potential candidates are able to identify which, if any, of the criteria apply (e.g., township supervisor). The completed form could be submitted to my office for review against the Mental Health Code and the current Board makeup to ensure our compliance with the statute. In order to avoid the appearance of any undue influence by this office, MBCMH's response would be a simple, "yes, meets criteria" or "no," with an explanation of which section of 330.1222 would be satisfied or out of compliance.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (231) 309-1724.

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Joseph "Chip" Johnston, LMSW

Executive Director

Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health

Cc: MBCMH Board

File



Oceana County BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

County Building P.O. Box 31 Hart, Michigan 49420



RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION H (SJR-H)

Moved by Mr. Simon and seconded by Ms. Kolbe to adopt the following Resolution:

- WHEREAS, the Michigan Senate is considering Senate Joint Resolution H, (SRJ-H), a proposal to amend Article IX, Section 3 of the 1963 Constitution of the State of Michigan by requiring that, effective 2010, increases in the taxable value of real estate in the State of Michigan be restricted and/or held flat during periods of slow growth and/or a decline in assessed valuation. A copy of SJR-H is attached to this Resolution; and
- WHEREAS, SJR-H was introduced by Senator John Pappageorge and is currently pending before the Finance Committee of the Michigan Senate; and
- WHEREAS, the proposal to amend Article IX, Section 3 of the 1963 Constitution of the State of Michigan, if subsequently passed by the vote of the people, would cause substantial harm to the government of Oceana County, by resulting in an annual reduction of revenue estimated to be \$276,000 and would cause similar substantial harm to other Michigan counties, townships, village and cities across the State of Michigan forcing all local governments to reduce the delivery of vital public services to the residents of the State of Michigan; and
- WHEREAS, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners opposes the passage of SJR-H and other similar efforts that would impair the ability of counties and other local governments to deliver vital public services to the residents of the State of Michigan.
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Oceana County Board of Commissioners opposes the passage of Senate Joint Resolution H (SJR-H), a proposal to amend Article IX, Section 3 of the 1963 Constitution of Michigan; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That certified copies of this Resolution be sent to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Gerald Van Woerkom, Representative Goeff Hansen, the Michigan Association of Counties and the other 82 Michigan counties.

Roll call vote: Simon, yes; Kolbe, yes; Byl, yes; Powers, yes; Malburg, yes; Brown, yes; and, VanSickle, yes. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned, being the Clerk of Oceana County, does hereby certify that on the 26th day of March, 2009, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners did adopt the above Resolution at its Regular Meeting.

Rebecca J. Griffin Glerk

Oceana County

Board of Commissioners

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION H

January 29, 2009, Introduced by Senator PAPPAGEORGE and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 3 of article IX, to limit the increase in taxable value of real property under certain circumstances.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to limit the increase in taxable value of real property under certain circumstances, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IX

Sec. 3. The legislature shall provide for the uniform general ad valorem taxation of real and tangible personal property not exempt by law except for taxes levied for school operating

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- 1 purposes. The legislature shall provide for the determination of
- 2 true cash value of such property; the proportion of true cash value
- 3 at which such property shall be uniformly assessed, which shall
- 4 not, after January 1, 1966, exceed 50 percent; and for a system of
- 5 equalization of assessments. For taxes levied in 1995 and each year
- 6 thereafter, the legislature shall provide that the taxable value of
- 7 each parcel of property adjusted for additions and losses, shall
- 8 not increase each year by more than the increase in the immediately
- 9 preceding year in the general price level, as defined in section 33
- 10 of this article, or 5 percent, whichever is less until ownership of
- 11 the parcel of property is transferred. HOWEVER, FOR TAXES LEVIED
- 12 AFTER 2009, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL PROVIDE THAT IF A PROPERTY'S
- 13 ASSESSED VALUE HAS DECREASED, ADJUSTED FOR ADDITIONS AND LOSSES,
- 14 THE PROPERTY'S TAXABLE VALUE IN THE IMMEDIATELY SUCCEEDING YEAR
- 15 SHALL BE THE PROPERTY'S TAXABLE VALUE IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING
- 16 YEAR. When ownership of the parcel of property is transferred as
- 17 defined by law, the parcel shall be assessed at the applicable
- 18 proportion of current true cash value. The legislature may provide
- 19 for alternative means of taxation of designated real and tangible
- 20 personal property in lieu of general ad valorem taxation. Every tax
- 21 other than the general ad valorem property tax shall be uniform
- 22 upon the class or classes on which it operates. A law that
- 23 increases the statutory limits in effect as of February 1, 1994 on
- 24 the maximum amount of ad valorem property taxes that may be levied
- 25 for school district operating purposes requires the approval of 3/4
- 26 of the members elected to and serving in the Senate and in the
- 27 House of Representatives.

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- 1 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
- 2 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election
- 3 in the manner provided by law.

COUNTY OF OTTAWA

STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Ottawa, Michigan,
held at the Fillmore Street Complex in the Township of Olive, Michigan on the 12th day
of March, 2009 at 1:30 o'clock p.m. local time.
PRESENT: Commissioners: Messrs. Kuyers, Swartout, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Hehl
Rycenga, Schrotenboer, Disselkeon, Karsten, Holtrop, Holtvluwer. (10)
ABSENT: Commissioners: Mrs. Ruiter. (1)
It was moved by Commissioner Rycenga and supported by
Commissioner Ruiter that the following Resolution be adopted:
WHEREAS, the Michigan Senate is considering Senate Joint Resolution H,
("SJR-H"), a proposal to amend Article IX, Section 3 of the 1963 Constitution of the
State of Michigan by requiring that, effective in 2010, increases in the taxable value of
real estate in the State of Michigan be restricted and/or held flat, during periods of slow
growth and/or a decline in assessed valuation. A copy of SJR-H is attached to this
Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, SJR-H was introduced by Senator John Pappageorge and is currently pending before the Finance Committee of the Michigan Senate; and,

WHEREAS, this proposal to amend Article IX, Section 3 of the 1963 Constitution of the State of Michigan, if subsequently passed by vote of the people, would cause substantial harm to the government of Ottawa County, by resulting in an annual reduction in County revenue (by current estimates) of \$500,000, and would cause similar substantial harm to other Michigan counties, and to townships, villages, and cities across the State of Michigan, forcing all local governments to reduce the delivery of vital public services to the residents of the State of Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners opposes the passage of SJR-H and other similar efforts, that would impair the ability of counties and other local governments to deliver vital public services to the residents of the State of Michigan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners opposes the passage of Senate Joint Resolution H ("SJR-H"), a proposal to amend Article IX, Section 3 of the 1963 Constitution of the State of Michigan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, Senator Wayne Kuipers, Representative David Agema, Representative Arlan Meekhof, Representative Joseph Haveman, Representative Mary Valentine, the Michigan Association of Counties, the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Townships Association, the Clerks of all Municipalities within Ottawa County, and the County Clerks of all Michigan Counties; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

yers, Schrotenboer, Karsten,	Hehl,	Swartout,	Disselkeon.	(10)
NAYS: Commissioners: None				
ABSTENTIONS: Commissioners:	None			
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House of Representatives.

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- 1 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
- 2 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election
- 3 in the manner provided by law.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

RESTORE STATE REVENUE SHARING

WHEREAS, the counties of Michigan work on behalf of the State of Michigan to provide numerous state mandated services; and

WHEREAS, counties depend heavily upon state revenue sharing to provide numerous essential public health, safety and welfare services; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the State of Michigan and Allegan County demand an efficient, professional level of public services; and

whereas, in 2005 State Revenue Sharing payments were discontinued to counties, relieving the State Budget of \$183 million in annual state revenue sharing payments to counties, with the promise and agreement that these payments would be restored when each of the individual county's Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund were exhausted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegan County
Board of Commissioners does hereby support and urge the State of
Michigan to fulfill its obligations and promises and fully and
unconditionally restore State Revenue Sharing for all of
Michigan's 83 counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Legislature for their review, Michigan Association of Counties, and the other 82 Michigan counties.

ATTEST, A TRUE COPY

Syn A. Watte

, Clerk-Register

APPROVED: March 26, 2009

CC: Admin. - Finance - Human Resources - Governor Jennifer
Granholm, State Capitol, P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, MI, 48909
- Senator Patricia Birkholz, P.O. Box 30036, 805 Farnum
Building, Lansing, MI, 48909 - Representative Robert
Genetski, 88th District, N1192 House Office Building, P.O.
Box 30014, Lansing, MI, 48909 - Representative Tonya
Schuitmaker, 80th District, N1099 House Office Building,
P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI, 48909 - Michigan Townships
Association, P.O. Box 80078, Lansing, MI, 48909-0078 Michigan Association of Counties, 935 N. Washington, Ave,
Lansing, MI, 48906 - 82 Michigan Counties (through Clerk) Allegan County Municipalities (through Clerk)



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RESOLUTION 2009-004

"Intent requiring municipal courts bearing the responsibility for funding lawsuits against Counties or other local units"

- WHEREAS, counties and local units of government across the great State of Michigan find themselves facing increasingly difficult challenges balancing general fund budgets; and
- WHEREAS, counties find themselves beleaguered with burdensome and unnecessary legal challenges in the form of costly and time-consuming lawsuits and their related defense. In the course of serving its constituents and taxpayers, it has become apparent that courts have also brought lawsuits against counties; and,
- WHEREAS, there exists within the Constitution of the State of Michigan, Article III, Section 2, "The Separation of Powers of Government", which sets forth the Executive, Judiciary, and Legislative branches shall co-exist yet stand alone in the performance of their respective duties; and,
- WHEREAS, courts have the benefit of bringing lawsuits against the funding units (counties) that finance their department and operations while not incurring any of the related costs of litigation; and
- **BE IT RESOLVED**, that counties desire the same level of fiscal responsibility for courts vis-à-vis the funding of litigation that counties or other local units of government would be expected to pay in the course of lawsuits; and,
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this board of county commissioners requests legislative assistance in the remedy of this apparent injustice. This board humbly requests counties all across this great state to join in this effort to bring a measure of parity to an untenable situation.

Motion #2009-097 Moved by Commissioner Kauffman and supported by Commissioner Hunt to adopt the above Resolution at a Regular meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners held on March 24, 2009.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Trimmer, yes.

Commissioner Hunt, yes. Commissioner Kauffman, yes. Commissioner Stone, yes.

Commissioner Marsh, yes.

RESOLUTION #2009-004 DECLARED ADOPTED

"Intent requiring municipal courts bearing the responsibility for funding lawsuits against Counties or other local units"

Joseph L. Stone, Chairman

Oscoda County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OSCODA

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners held on **Tuesday**, **March 24**, **2009**, and that the said minutes are on file in the office of the Oscoda County Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Jeri Winton, Oscoda County Clerk/Register of Deeds



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RESOLUTION 2009-003

"Request State, County, and Municipal Road Infrastructure"

- WHEREAS, State, County, and Municipal roads are deteriorating at a record pace; and
- WHEREAS, the longer quality maintenance is deferred due to lack of funding, the more it will cost to bring our county and state road network back into quality condition; and
- WHEREAS, our state and county are in the single worst economic downturn since the Great Depression and business development is less likely to occur if our road and highway infrastructure is failing; and
- WHEREAS, investment in our road infrastructure will provide needed improvement and provide good paying jobs in our state and these wages will be spent in Oscoda County and Michigan to further assist our economy; and
- WHEREAS, the state and other road commissions in the state have either laid people off, reduced employment by attrition or reduced maintenance schedules, such as snow removal, to weekdays; and
- WHEREAS, since the 1960s, Michigan has ranked among the lowest of all states, on a per Capita basis, of investing in our infrastructure; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Michigan may see additional federal dollars through a national stimulus plan that is specified for ready-to-go projects, however many communities are not likely to see any new road projects with this money, and in addition, stimulus money cannot be used for patching potholes or snowplowing roads, and furthermore, the stimulus plan is designed as a one-time shot-in-the-arm and not a solution to fix Michigan's chronically underfunded and failing transportation system; and
- WHEREAS, the Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation has testified before the House and Senate Transportation Committees of the Michigan Legislature that the propose stimulus package is not an answer to the highway and road funding of

Michigan, and in addition, numerous other voices across the state, major newspapers, road industry trade associations, municipal and county associations, labor organizations and chambers of commerce, have expressed that Michigan must invest more dollars into road maintenance, and one such organization is the Michigan Transportation Team, a partnership of business, associations and citizens linked with the common goal of improving Michigan's Transportation infrastructure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners request that the Governor and the Michigan legislature implement a plan to improve Michigan roads and highways;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be forward to the Governor, members of the legislature, each county commission and road commission in Michigan.

Motion #2009-096 Moved by Commissioner Hunt and supported

by Commissioner Kauffman to adopt the above

Resolution at a Regular meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners held on March 24, 2009.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Marsh, yes.

Commissioner Trimmer, yes. Commissioner Hunt, yes. Commissioner Kauffman, yes. Commissioner Stone, yes.

RESOLUTION #2009-003 DECLARED ADOPTED

"Request State, County, and Municipal Road Infrastructure"

Joseph L. Stone, Chairman

Oscoda County Board of Commissioners

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RESOLUTION 2009-002

"SUPPORT FOR COUNTY REMONUMENTATION PROGRAM"

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan is considering the various uses of proposed economic stimulus monies from the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the State of Michigan Legislature removed \$15,000,000 from the State Survey and Remonumentation fund in an effort to balance the state budget for that year; and

WHEREAS, in Section 54.271 of Act 345 of 1990, the Legislature cited specific funding levels for the program which have not been met; and

WHEREAS, since the removal of these funds in 2006, statewide funding for the program has decreased from \$10,134,000 in 2006 to \$4,000,000 in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the removal of these funds has seriously impaired the effectiveness and progress of this program; and

WHEREAS, this program has been extremely beneficial to all residents of the State of Michigan, since original comer positions of the Public Land Survey control the boundaries of every parcel in Oscoda County and the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, this program is designed to recover, monument, record and perpetuate these original comer positions; and

WHEREAS, the information provided by this program is also designed to be the basis of all municipal GIS within the State; and

WHEREAS, these additional funds will benefit the implementation of each County-wide GIS, which is intended to assist in 911 emergency responses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners is in support of the use of \$15,000,000 of the economic stimulus monies for the State of Michigan Survey and Remonumentation Program for 2009 and an additional \$15,000,000 to supplement the program through fiscal year 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Cameron Brown, Representative Matthew Lori and the other 82 Michigan Counties.

Motion #2009-085 Moved by Commissioner Kauffman and supported

by Commissioner Trimmer to adopt the above

Resolution at a Regular meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners held on March 10, 2009.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Stone yes.

Commissioner Marsh yes. Commissioner Trimmer yes. Commissioner Hunt yes. Commissioner Kauffman yes.

RESOLUTION #2009-002 DECLARED ADOPTED

"SUPPORT FOR COUNTY REMONUMENTATION PROGRAM"

Joseph L. Stone, Chairman Oscoda County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OSCODA

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Jeri Winton, Oscoda County Clerk/Register of Deeds

OGEMAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY BUILDING - COMMISSIONERS ROOM 806 W. HOUGHTON WEST BRANCH, MICHIGAN 48661

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WHEREAS, counties find themselves beleaguered with burdensome and unnecessary legal challenges in the form of costly and time-consuming lawsuits and their related defense. In the course of serving its constituents and taxpayers, it has become apparent that courts have also brought lawsuits against counties; and,

WHEREAS, there exists within the Constitution of the State of Michigan, Article III, Section 2, The Separation of Powers of Government, which sets forth the Executive, Judiciary, and Legislative branches shall co-exist yet stand alone in the performance of their respective duties; and,

WHEREAS, courts have the *benefit* of bringing lawsuits against the funding units (counties) that finance their department and operations while *not* incurring any of the related costs of litigation; and,

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Joyn West, Chairman

Pete Hennard

Scott Colclasure

Bruce Reetz

Adopted: 26 February 2009

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Ron Quackenbush

Beverly Scott

Gary R. Klacking

Ogemaw County Clerk

OGEMAW COUNTY CLERK GARY R. KLACKING

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CAREN PIGLOWSKI ADMIN. ASSISTANT COUNTY OF OGEMAW 34th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

STATE OF MICHIGAN
s:
COUNTY OF OGEMAW

I, Gary R. Klacking, Clerk for the County of Ogemaw, do hereby certify that the attached resolution and/or motion was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Ogemaw, on February 26, 2009 and appears on record in my office, and that I have compared the same with the original, and that it is a true transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County at West Branch, Michigan, dated this 5th day of March, 2009.

Gary R. Klacking, County Clerk

County Clerk/Beputy Clerk

Motion by Colclasure, second by Illig, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners adopt the Resolution of Intent requiring municipal courts bearing the responsibility for funding lawsuits against counties or other local units. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Illig, West, Hennard, Quackenbush, and Colclasure. Motion carried. [2-3-#9]